



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 R63 Hwy-Indianola, IA 50125

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:15 am

Sunday 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception-St Mary's

Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass

Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am

1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Staff & Committees

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| Parish Relations: Kim Delay | 681-7526 |
| Worship/Liturgy: Joyce DeGroote | 783-3890 |
| Hall Committee: Steph Bintner, Steve Mc Ginnis, Kristen Hanes, Kevin Parker and Leasa Garrett | |

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm or by appointment.
Liturgy of Baptism: Parents are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and must be registered with the church, one sponsor must be Catholic.
Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.
Prayer Chain: Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for anyone in need. Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-2029
Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.
Newcomers/Addresses: Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.
Change of Address: Notify the office when you change your address.
Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by noon on Wednesday to Steph Bintner-bintners@msn.com/ Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Liturgies Scripture Reading- Cycle C
December 16, 2018- December 23, 2018

DECEMBER 16

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9: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception - Marjean Bussanmas &

Francis & Helen Gavin

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter

NO Mass at Simpson Smith Chapel until Jan 20, 2019

DECEMBER 17

193: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Immaculate Conception

7:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception-Carolyn McElwee

DECEMBER 18

194: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

6:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Sherman Hutton III

6:30 p.m. Rosary at St. Thomas

DECEMBER 19

195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Zac Easter

DECEMBER 20

196: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Florence Lee

DECEMBER 21

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

197: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas-Mary Cunningham

DECEMBER 22

198: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Ps 2:1-4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation at St. Thomas

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Robert Creighton

DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12: Mi 5:1-4a; ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception -

Carolyn McElwee & Lambert & Dolly Brommel

10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas- Zac Easter

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Closed from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. for Lunch)

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Rectory Phone 962-2063

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Facebook: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Indianola

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners-

We welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas and Immaculate Conception, Fr. Richard Gielow, C.M. Fr. Gielow has been giving missions to parishes for over 35 years. Fr. Gielow brings inspiring insights, interesting stories intertwined with his deep faith in God. We are most happy to have him here. He will be here with us this weekend through Wednesday evening! Please extend hospitality to him!

Thanks to our Adult Faith Committee, Mrs. Marguerite O'Meara, Deacon Dave O'Brien, and Mary Menke for the wonderful social last Wednesday evening for our Religious Education parents. Your time, talent, and efforts are most appreciated!

We are a little over one week away from Christmas. It is hard to believe! I want to communicate Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For Monday December 24th, Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, 8:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception, St. Marys, 10:00 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas (our native son, Fr. Ross Parker will be the presider) and 9:00 a.m. December 25th, Christmas Day at St. Thomas Aquinas. Offices will be closed Monday December 24, Tuesday December 25th, and Wednesday December 26th (we will still have the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the Feast of St. Stephen, December 26th). Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Rejoice, the Lord is Near! Fr. Chris



PILGRIMAGE 2019 Invitation to Medjugorje! If you've felt a call to journey to this holy place, 2019's group from Des Moines is forming now. Ellen and Marilyn are making our 15th pilgrimage to Medjugorje June 2. An optional Rome add-on will be offered, based on interest. Join Father Chris Reising, Msgr. Frank Bognanno and all of us. Please hurry! Space is limited. Contact: marilynlgane@gmail.com ecosmo@mchsi.com Experience the Joy and Peace!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below/ Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wvme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jjvwme08@gmail.com



Remember as God is the giver of all life and blessings, lets go visit Him on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings while traveling during your Holiday to a local Catholic Church to thank him. He will return many graces to us through his Word and Sacrament to sustain us and nourish us.

STARS would like to Thank all the parishioners that helped make this years Cookie Walk such a success again this year.

Your containers are located by the church coat closet.

Thank you again
STARS Officers

Ministry Schedule

Please call someone to replace you if you aren't available to serve

4:30 p.m. Mass December 22nd

Lector: Lanny Ward

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Kris Gross, Adam & Amy Jo Naughton, Todd & Johna Clancy & Carol Proctor

Ushers: Vivian Winkler, Dave Slick, Derry Butler & Terri Cooper

10:15 a.m. Mass December 23rd

Lector: Ed Tormey

Eucharistic Ministers: Tristan Grover, Ann Williams, Brock Elbert, Dianne Funk, Conner Lynch, Joe Gezel & Joe Brommel

Ushers: Ormsbys & Tormeys

Money Counters: Merry Christmas No Money Counters

Linens: Peggy Parker, Mary Menke & Judy Kirby

Building Fund: \$ 1,307.00

Sunday Tithe: \$ 3,002.18

Plate: \$ 316.00

Capital Campaign: \$ 2,355.33

Masses during the Christmas Season are very special, so if you would like a certain day or time to Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher please sign up soon. The sign up sheets are located in the back of the church.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Trivia Night for the Hope Foundation--February 2, 2019!
Location is at St. Thomas in the St. Thomas Hall.



USHERS & GREETERS

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 23rd** following 10:15 a.m. Mass Fr. Chris will be having a short training for the upcoming Holiday Masses! Fr. Chris is highly encouraging you all to attend.

The Respect Life Committee at St. Thomas Aquinas would like to extend a huge thank you for your participation in the InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign! The final tally is in and we raised over \$1,725! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by the compassionate medical staff at InnerVisions HealthCare on a daily basis. If you have any additional bottles, please deliver them directly to InnerVisions in West Des Moines. God bless you for your generosity!

Advent Prayer Angels

Please take 1-2 angels off the Advent Prayer Angel tree in the Gathering Space and pray for the intention on the angel throughout Advent. What better way to prepare for Jesus' birth and praying daily for others.



St. Thomas has been blessed with an additional Votive Candle lighting Prayer Stand. Just a reminder that these candles are purchased with the money that is left in the collection box.

**Please note: 7 day Votive Candles\$ 3.00 each Large Candles
2 hour Votive Candles.....\$ 1.00 each Small Candles**

Please make sure you are placing your money in the collection box every time you light a candle. **Thank You-- The Staff**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER !!!!!

RE Corner

“Those who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.” *Isaiah 9:2*
 Waiting is never easy, but that’s what the season of Advent is all about. And what we are preparing for (Christ to dwell in our hearts) is so worth it. He comes anew each year so that we may be re-created in his Light and Love. Please reinforce this lesson at home.

Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will have break between Dec. 21 and January 5.

We’d like to thank all the parents who diligently get their children to religious education every week. We would also like to thank our teachers who work tirelessly to help your children grow in faith. As an expression of our gratitude to our catechists, we are having an “RE Teaching – Work of Heart” get-together on Wednesday, January 2 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the multi-purpose room at church. There is no class that evening. But we hope to encourage and support our teachers with good food, good friends and good conversation.

May your Christmas be meaningful and filled with joy and love and peace.

Blessings,
 JoAnn



Praying that you are all having a Faith filled Advent. It is now time for The Gathering Table Monday Dec. 17th 5:30-6:30 Attached is a google doc. where you can sign up to help or bring something.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dnUmAcQitillDKoRmS_OuCNxVH3kQn5Jsksd4HRTzFdn/edit#gid=0

Please continue to pray for The success of The Gathering Table, and that we are able to reach out to those who are in need of a good home cooked meal or some friendly fellowship.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from this, please invite them to come.

God Bless, and wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

The Gathering Table Committee



Third Sunday Of Advent

FREEZER MINISTRY

We are beginning a new ministry at St Thomas Aquinas and would love to have YOUR SUPPORT!!! ALL it takes is some ingredients, love, and friendship!!! We will be preparing freezer meals once a month in the Pastoral kitchen. These meals will be stored in the freezer and whoever needs one can go grab it and go, signing up on the posted sign. This can be your family, a family in need, anyone who needs a hot meal!! If you have a favorite family dish/casserole that freezes well, please let me know- all are welcome to participate!!

We will have a SIGN UP to donate ingredients at the back of the church or you can message me at 515-710-6140!

it is in giving we receive"

Blessings,
 Angie Elliott

Meals are frozen and ready for use in the kitchen freezer-no questions asked, but to use as needed :)

FREEZER MEALS



Just a reminder to have your Christmas Flower Offerings into the office no later than **Tuesday, December 18th**

To assure that your loved ones Name (s) will make the insert that will be place in the bulletin Sunday, December 23rd!!!



Indianola Knights of Columbus
 Upcoming Events



Sunday , December 16 Christmas Party La Vida Loca Winery 1:00 to 4:00 PM

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☆☆ January 10th: 6:30 pm– Kick your Faith off in the New Year!
 ☆ ⇒ We provide light snacks and drinks
 ☆ ⇒ Amanda Zwanziger The Paralyzed Movement
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2018-2019-STAT

December 19th: 6:30-8:00 COC/Genesis– Christmas Bingo at PC
 December 26th: **NO STAT– CHRISTMAS BREAK**
 January 2nd: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dodgeball at Wilder Elementary—
 Are you game?
 January 9th: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come & Chill with Jesus....see
 what Our Lord has in store for you.



Like us on Facebook so you can follow what is happening at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Indianola. This will also have the updated cancelations for Masses and RE!!!

Prayer List

We offer this list for current parishioners of St Thomas Aquinas Church Only.
 Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman, Loretta Petersen, Mary Pat Miller & Bryan Bradley



Please contact Jackle Ward at jjward71@q.com or 515-250-7385, Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029 to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest of the group to start immediate prayers for you or your loved one in need.

We would like to offer a prayer shawl to parishioners who are ill or in need of comfort.

The shawls were prayed over when created. Please make your request through one of the prayer chain leaders. Please contact Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name to the list published in the bulletin. Names will remain on the list for a month unless you indicate otherwise.

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|  <p>David & Heidi Klodd 15110 Hwy 92 Indianola</p> |  <p>400 S. J. Indianola, Ia. 515-961-2781 Tim McConnell</p> |  <p>Propane • Heating • Cooling P.O. Box 95 Milo, Iowa 50166 (641) 942-6320</p> |  <p>1512 E. 1st Avenue -Indianola Finish Carpentry Steve Bintner, Owner Cell # 515-229-9605 Home# 515-961-7217</p> |
|  <p>Kim Tierney Keller 453-5320</p> | <p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p> | <p>LOREY COMPANY Carl M Lorey, Jr. Your Paperman 914-28th Street Des Moines, IA 50312 515-255-7190 Email: LOREYPAPER@MCHSL.COM</p> |  <p>Dr. Cory R. Drees C.S.C.S. Chiropractic Physician 214 West Salem Avenue Indianola, IA 50125 Phone (515) 961-6202 FAX (515) 961-0668 email: chirodrees@aol.com</p> |
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|  <p>Work well. Play well. Live well. Matt DeWall, M.P.T., C.S.C.S. 1507 N. 1st Street (515) 961-7435</p> |  <p>Laying-Sanding-Finishing-Refinishing 1416 E. Euclid Ph: 515-961-6424 Indianola, Ia. 50125 Cell: 988-0705</p> | <p>Volunteers needed to help to clean the hall, bartend, pour wine etc Call Leasa Garrett 961-3026 It's an easy way to give back to your church!</p> |  <p>1203 North E Street-Indianola (515) 961-7458 www.wesleylife.org Join us for Mass at the Village Every third Tuesday 9:30am</p> |
|  <p>Legacy House RCF Christian Assisted Living 207 E Salem Ave Indianola, IA Ph# 971-9367 Cindy Brummer, RN</p> | <p>Contact the office And have Your ad Placed here!!!!</p> |  <p>Grocery: 961-5643 Market: 961-5872</p> |  <p>501 N. Jefferson- Indianola 961-2315 2nd location in the Indianola Wal Mart</p> |
| <p>Heartland Computer Company 515-961-6326 Winston Sayre, Owner Sales, Service, Repairs Free In shop diagnostics</p> |  <p>110 E. Boston KURT E. WELLS Owner Indianola, IA 50125 (515) 961-4924</p> | <p>St Thomas Pastoral Center Available for your wedding receptions, family reunions, fundraisers. Call Steph Bintner 961-3026</p> | <p>Wiegert Disposal Inc. Trash Service for Residential-Commercial-Industrial Dumpsters-Roll Offs Call for Free Estimates 515-764-2389 800-728-4908</p> |